

# New Waleria Library Opening Set Saturday

Famed California artist and children's author Leo Politi will be the principal speaker at the dedication ceremonies for Waleria library at 11 a.m. on Saturday. The public is invited to hear Politi and other notables and inspect the new quarters at 3815 W. 242nd St. Politi is a native of Fresno. He was educated in Italy and now lives in Los Angeles. His first book was "Angel of Olvera Street," published in 1946. In 1950 he received the Caldecott Medal for "Song of the Swallows." The Caldecott Medal is a coveted award given annually for the best illustrations in a child's book. His latest book is a copiously illustrated edition of the familiar children's hymn, "All Things Bright and Beautiful." A selection of the artist's books and

paintings will be on display at the library opening. POLITI WILL be preceded on the program by Mayor Albert Isen of Torrance, County Librarian John D. Henderson, and Mrs. N. F. Jamieson. Mrs. Jamieson, a member of the Torrance family which founded the city bearing their name, was formerly city librarian of Torrance and regional librarian of the Torrance-South Bay Region of Los Angeles Public Library. The invocation will be given by Rev. David O. Beadles of Waleria Community Methodist Church, and the benediction by Rev. James W. Reid of the First Baptist Church of Waleria.

Boy Scout Troop 240, led by Tom Short, will present the colors. Bugler will be Billy Mitchell, 13, grandson of Waleria librarian Mrs. Margaret Dowd. George Kurtz, chairman of the Torrance Library Commission, will serve as master of ceremonies. Following the dedication the library will hold open house, with refreshments being served by the Waleria Business Women's Club, Mrs. Al Doage, president. The program was arranged by Mrs. J. B. Mosley, Waleria representative on the Library Commission, Mrs. Betty Lee Addison, regional librarian, and Harold Umbarger, city librarian of Torrance.

WALERIA library was constructed by the City of Torrance at a cost of approximately \$45,000, with a square footage of 4,000 and a book capacity of 16,825 volumes. It will have equipment and furniture valued at \$15,298 and will open with a stock of 8,000 books and 50 periodicals. The present registration of 4,200 accounts for an average monthly circulation of 4,500 books. Both registration and circulation are expected to show the upsurge which customarily follows on the opening of a new library building.

Waleria is the second Torrance library building to be opened this year. The Isabel Henderson Branch, named for the first Torrance librarian and dedicated in July, was built to provide service in the fast-growing Victor Park area. In contrast, the Waleria structure provides new quarters for an old institution. It is the fifth location for the library since it was opened in 1937. The same librarian, Mrs. Dowd, has been in charge for 26 years.

THE PRESENT site in Waleria Park was also the location of the third library building. While the old building was being torn down and the new one built, the library has been open for service in a converted fire station one block east of the park. City librarian Harold Um-

barger said the service was discontinued at the old location at 9 p.m. on Monday to resume in the new location at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 6 following the dedication ceremonies. Beginning Monday the library will be open from 1 to 9 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and closed on Thursday and Sunday.

# Freedom Is Basic Election Issue, Bruinsma Says

"Your freedom is the basic issue of the 1962 national elections," congressional nominee Ted Bruinsma said yesterday. "Stripped of all complications, every political choice you make either strengthens individual liberty or kills it," Bruinsma told a gathering of Torrance housewives meeting for "Coffee With Our Next Congressman."

"As our government gets bigger, it makes you smaller. Ask any Russian just how small a citizen can feel. "Robert Frost said recently he believes the American people would eventually "stretch up to socialism," Bruinsma pointed out. "I think Robert Frost ought to stop talking to the Schlegelers and Galbraiths and the other men now advertising the President. Instead he should talk to the people I've been meeting in the streets of Torrance."

"NOBODY I meet in Torrance wants socialism to take over America. Nobody really wants to place his fate completely in the hands of a remote bureaucratic boss in Washington. Nobody wants to lose the external threat of the Russian bully, nor the internal threat of those short-sighted zealots who want a watered-down Russian system to replace our traditional form of government. "Yet, some of our current

national policies make it hard to determine whether we will first give up to Russia, or whether we will have socialism waiting for them to take over by the time we surrender our strength away. "Robert Frost notwithstanding, I believe Americans will fight to stay free," Bruinsma stated. "I believe Americans are tired of national leaders who surrender our freedoms with-

out a fight . . . in Cuba . . . in Laos . . . in vote buying policies that insult our intelligence. "I believe the voters in this district are waking up to the fact that we have a representative in Congress who votes 100 per cent along the left-wing ADA line . . . votes to steal away our freedoms. "The 1962 elections are one of our few remaining chances to save freedom. That's the basic issue."

## Origin of Baptists Examined

Sunday at 8:30 and 11 a.m. duplicate services, the Narbonne Avenue Baptist Church of Lomita will hear their pastor, Robert A. Wells, speak on the subject, "From Whence Came the Baptists?" "Secular history gives an indelible record of the beginnings of every major denomination but the Baptists. Secular history is strangely silent as to when Baptists had their beginning. Some have tried to say they began with Roger Williams, but he joined a Baptist Church already in existence. Every Baptist is independent and every Baptist is responsible to God. No place is known for their origin outside the New Testament. But even more important than where the Baptists began is what they believe," Mr. Wells will state.

THE SUNDAY evening message by the pastor at 7:30 will be the last in the series in "Lord Teach Us." This message will be "Lord Teach Us How to Grow."

The Lomita Church has set aside this Sunday to select eight new deacons. The selection will be made by vote of the membership.

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be observed at both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services. Because of the crowded condition at the 11 a.m. worship service, the church has begun a campaign to urge more people to attend the 8:30 services.

The age group choirs began their fall activities during the past week. The Youth Choir will meet on Sunday at 5:30 p.m. The Junior Choir will meet on Wednesday at 6 p.m.



AT DEDICATION . . . Artist-author Leo Politi will be principal speaker at dedication ceremonies Saturday at the new Waleria library. Dedication program has been scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. with George Kurtz, chairman of the Library Commission, as master of ceremonies.

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